

NEWS & NOTES

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ALAMEDA

Dr. James B. Graeser of Oakland was elected president of the Alameda-Contra Costa Medical Association at the annual meeting of the organization last month. Formerly vice-president, he succeeds Dr. Lester B. Lawrence of Oakland. Dr. Harold P. Maloney of Oakland was elected vice-president, and Dr. Bernard B. Gadwood of Richmond succeeded Dr. Grant Ellis of Berkeley as secretary-treasurer.

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Anita H. Payne, Ph.D., and Lola S. Kelly, Ph.D., research fellows engaged in postdoctoral work at the Donner Laboratory, University of California at Berkeley, have received the \$2,000 Kappa Kappa Gamma Cancer Research Award for outstanding achievement by women in the field of cancer research.

The award was announced by Mrs. E. Granville Crabtree of Boston, national president of Kappa Kappa Gamma Sorority, which provided the award money, and Louis H. Seagrave, chairman of the board of the California Institute for Cancer Research, which supervised the contest.

The research award was established a year ago in memory of Mrs. Marion Howell Tompkins, a member of the Pasadena alumnae association of Kappa Kappa Gamma.

The prize-winning paper submitted by Drs. Payne and Kelly was the most recent of a series of joint papers covering their study of postirradiation sensitivity and behavior of malignant tumors.

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Dr. Joseph Stokes, Jr., professor in the department of pediatrics at the University of Pennsylvania, has accepted an invitation to be visiting lecturer for the third annual Clifford Sweet Lectureship at Children's Hospital of the East Bay, Oakland, scheduled for May 26-28, 1954.

The lectureship meetings are held to do honor to the services of Dr. Clifford Sweet, who was chief of medicine at the hospital for 30 years and now is emeritus chief of medicine.

LOS ANGELES

The United Cerebral Palsy-Max Weinstein award for "outstanding scientific achievement in cerebral palsy" was presented this year to Dr. H. W. Magoun, chairman of the department of anatomy, University of California School of Medicine, Los Angeles. Presented at the annual convention of United Cerebral Palsy in New York City last month, the award to Dr. Magoun was for his "studies of factors promoting regeneration of nerve fibers in the central nervous system and of the physiology of the cerebral cortex and basal ganglia in relation to cerebral palsy." The award is a silver plaque and \$1,000 provided in the will of the late Mr. Weinstein.

The Sixth Annual Mid-Winter Radiological Conference, sponsored by the Los Angeles Radiological Society, will be held at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, on Saturday and Sunday, February 20 and 21, 1954.

The out-of-state speakers will be Dr. Eugene P. Pendergrass, Philadelphia, Dr. U. V. Portman, Tucson, Dr. Marcy L. Sussman, Phoenix, and Dr. Frederic E. Templeton, Seattle.

A banquet preceded by cocktails will be held at the Ambassador Hotel on Saturday evening, February 20.

Conference reservations may be made through Dr. Harold P. Tompkins, 658 South Westlake Avenue, Los Angeles 57, California. The conference fee is \$20 and the dinner will be \$7.50 per plate. Courtesy cards for the conference are available to radiological residents and radiologists in military service by pre-registrations.

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The 1954 College of Medical Evangelists Alumni Postgraduate Convention will be held February 23 to 25 in Los Angeles. The three-day convention is open to all physicians regardless of their school affiliation, and the program will be made up primarily to serve general practitioners.

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Dr. Frank Brewer, formerly chief of the bureau of venereal disease control of the California State Department of Public Health, on December 1 became health officer of Merced County and medical director of the Merced General Hospital. He was appointed by the county's board of supervisors in October.

SAN BERNARDINO

Dr. Leonard Taylor of San Bernardino has been elected president of the San Bernardino County Medical Society, succeeding Dr. C. Norman Abbott of Ontario. Dr. Harold R. Morris of San Bernardino was elected president-elect, and Dr. Gerald M. Mraz of Fontana, second vice-president. Dr. Carl M. Hadley, San Bernardino, was reelected secretary-treasurer.

SAN FRANCISCO

Dr. John Upton of San Francisco, chairman of the Blood Bank Commission of the California Medical Association, was elected vice-president of the American Association of Blood Banks at the recent meeting of that organization in Chicago. Mrs. Charles D. Hemphill, director of Irwin Memorial Blood Bank, San Francisco, was elected treasurer of the association.

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The American Geriatrics Society will hold its annual meeting at the Fairmont Hotel in San Francisco, June 17 to 19, 1954. All physicians interested in geriatrics are cordially invited to attend. Any who would like to present a paper should submit six copies of the title of the paper, with an abstract not to exceed 300 words, to the secretary of the society, Dr. Malford Thewlis, 25 Mechanic Street, Wakefield, R. I., not later than February 1, 1954.

GENERAL

Announcement of the formation of the American Foundation for Allergic Diseases was made recently by Dr. Horace S. Baldwin of New York, president of the foundation. Headquarters are at 525 Lexington Avenue, in New York City.

"The need for some central organization to stimulate and coordinate activity in the allergy field has been manifest for some time," Dr. Baldwin said, since "specialized facilities for research, medical education and treatment lag far behind those for many other chronic conditions."

Dr. George Piness of Los Angeles is a trustee of the new organization.

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The seventh annual meeting of the **Western Society for Clinical Research** will be held January 29 and 30, 1954, at Portland, Oregon.

Information regarding the meeting may be obtained from Dr. Herbert N. Hultgren, secretary-treasurer, Stanford Hospital, San Francisco 15.

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Twenty-seven million people are now enrolled in **Blue Shield medical care plans**, according to an announcement by the Blue Shield Commission in Chicago. California Physicians' Service is one of the physician-sponsored organizations included in Blue Shield. At a ceremony commemorating the signing of the 27 millionth subscriber, Dr. Frederick H. Good, president of the Colorado Medical Service (Blue Shield) and a member of the national Blue Shield Commission, said, in part, "The enrollment of 27,000,000 in Blue Shield plans, with growth continuing at a rapid rate, testifies adequately to the public's acceptance of this form of **prepayment for medical care**, sponsored by the medical profession itself."

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Questionnaires seeking data on blood pressure of patients over 65 years of age have been sent to some 17,000 physicians as a part of a study being carried on by Dr. Arthur M. Master, Dr. Harry L. Jaffe and Mr. Herbert Marks of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, all of New York City.

The statistical study is sponsored by the New York Heart Association, the Mount Sinai Hospital, New York, and Metropolitan Life. The American Medical Association has given aid to the project. The data will be used to determine with greater accuracy what "normal" blood pressure is for persons in the higher age brackets, in order to provide a better basis for clinical evaluation of hypertension in the aged.

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Dr. Merlin Newkirk of Southgate was installed as president of the California Academy of General Practice at the annual meeting of the organization held October 25-27 in San Diego, and Dr. John G. Walsh of Sacramento was elected president-elect. Dr. A. J. Franzi of San Francisco was reelected secretary-treasurer, and Dr. Joseph W. Telford, San Diego, speaker of the congress of delegates. Newly elected directors are Dr. Elliot Colby of San Diego and Dr. John T. McNally, Stockton. Dr. Carroll B. Andrews of Sonoma was elected a delegate to the American Academy of General Practice.

Almost 1100 physicians attended the meeting, and total registration was more than 1800. The 1954 annual meeting will be held October 24-27 at the Statler Hotel, Los Angeles.

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Dr. Walter Rapaport, formerly superintendent of Agnew State Hospital, has been appointed director of the California State Department of Mental Hygiene by Governor Goodwin Knight. Dr. E. H. Crawfis, who has served in that capacity since the resignation of Dr. Frank F. Tallman several months ago, will return to his former position as deputy director of medical services of the department.

POSTGRADUATE EDUCATION NOTICES

RESEARCH STUDY CLUB OF LOS ANGELES

23rd Annual Clinical Convention of Ophthalmology and Otolaryngology

Date: January 18 through January 29, 1954. Each applicant must be a member in good standing of the American Medical Association in order to become eligible for attendance.

Fee: \$100.00.

Contact: Pierre Violé, M.D., Treasurer, 1930 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles 5, Calif.

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA AT LOS ANGELES

In Los Angeles

Dermatology in General Practice (limited to 20 students).

Spring dates: Feb. 17 to March 24.

Fee: \$30.00.

General Surgery.

Date: February 3 through April 7, 1954. (Wednesday evenings, 7:30-9:30.)

Dermatology Conference.

Date: February 11, 12, 1954.

Fee: \$35.00.

Anesthesiology.

Date: Spring, 1954.

Fee: Details to be announced.

Contact: Dr. Thomas H. Sternberg, Head of Postgraduate Instruction, Medical Extension, University of California, Los Angeles 24, California.

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, SAN FRANCISCO

Microscopy and Photomicrography.

Date: January 14 to June 3, 1954.

Contact: Office of Medical Extension, University of California School of Medicine, University of California Medical Center, San Francisco 22, California.

STANFORD UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

Ophthalmology Conference. Registration will be open to physicians who limit their practice to the treatment of diseases of the eye; or eye, ear, nose and throat. Registration limited to thirty physicians. Instructors will be Dr. A. Edward Maumenee, Dr. Dohrmann K. Pischel, Dr. Jerome W. Bettman, Dr. Max Fine, Dr. Earle H. McBain, and Dr. Arthur J. Jampolsky.

Contact: Office of the Dean, Stanford University School of Medicine, 2398 Sacramento St., San Francisco 15, California.

COLLEGE OF MEDICAL EVANGELISTS

Anesthesiology (4 months). Vacancy occurs each two months. Facilities limited to two students. Tuition: \$300.00. Dr. Forrest E. Leffingwell and Associates.